Discount on loading of goods

3491. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite improvement in turn-around time of wagons and the cost advantage it offers, the Railways have still not found enough goods to carry in its wagons;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways have decided to extend 15 per cent discount on loading till November, 2006; and

(c) if so, the reasons for this kind of a situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Doubling of Lucknow-Varanasi Rail Line

†3492. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of doubling of railway track between Lucknow and Varanasi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present work is running far behind schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken to remove hurdles coming in the way of availability of funds; and

(d) by when the doubling work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work of doubling on Lucknow-Varanasi section has been taken up in phases. At present, the doubling works are in progress on Utraitia-Chandrauli (28 kms.), Sultanpur-Bandhua Kalan (9 kms.) and Zafrabad-Srikrishna Nagar (34 kms.) sections where earthwork and bridge works have been taken up.

(b) The work is progressing as per availability of resources.

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